

Monday, July 28, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Energy and Water Appropriations, 1998.

The House passed H.R. 2209, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act

The House passed 12 measures on motions to suspend the rules.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8161–S8206*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1072–1077, S.J. Res. 36, and S. Con. Res. 44.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Authorizing Use of Catafalque:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 123, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the crypt beneath the rotunda of the Capitol in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the Supreme Court Building for the late honorable William J. Brennan, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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**Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 33, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National SAFE KIDS Campaign SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Car Seat Check Up.

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**Energy/Water Appropriations, 1998:** Pursuant to the order of July 15, 1997, Senate passed H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1004, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate, Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Domenici, Cochran, Gorton, McConnell, Bennett, Burns, Craig, Stevens, Reid, Byrd, Hollings, Murray, Kohl, and Dorgan.

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Subsequently, passage of S. 1004 was vitiated and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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**Transportation Appropriations, 1998:** Senate began consideration of S. 1048, making appropri-

tions for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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#### Pending:

Shelby (for D'Amato/Moynihan) Amendment No. 1022, to direct a transit fare study in the New York City metropolitan area.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Tuesday, July 29, 1997.

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A further consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of all amendments to S. 1048, Senate proceed to a vote on final passage of H.R. 2169, House companion measure, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1048, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, the Senate insist on its amendment, the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, and S. 1048 be placed back on the Senate calendar.

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**Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary Appropriations, 1998—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S. 1022, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and amendments pending thereto, on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report entitled "The Policy on Protection of National Information Infrastructure Against Strategic Attack"; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–56).

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations: John C. Angell, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Marshall S. Smith, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Education. **Page S8206**

**Nomination withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Niranjan S. Shah, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 1997. **Page S8206**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 29, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8206.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CAMPAIGN FINANCING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee met in closed session to discuss certain issues with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of George A. Omas, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, and Janice R. Lachance, of

Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Omas was introduced by Senator Lott and former Representative Edward J. Derwinski, and Ms. Lachance was introduced by Senator Robb.

### OLYMPICS BOMBING INCIDENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine federal law enforcement efforts with regard to the investigation of the circumstances surrounding the interview of Richard Jewell in connection with the July 27, 1996 bombing at Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Michael E. Shaheen Jr., Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility, both of the Department of Justice.

### INTERNET GAMBLING PROHIBITION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings on S. 474, to enforce regulations prohibiting the interstate or foreign transmission of gambling information against certain computer service providers, after receiving testimony from Senator Bryan; Wisconsin Attorney General James E. Doyle, Madison; Jeff Pash, National Football League, New York, New York; Ann Geer, National Coalition Against Gambling Expansion, Washington, D.C.; and Anthony Cabot, Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Las Vegas, Nevada.

### MEDICARE REFORM: HOME HEALTH CARE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings on Medicare reform proposals, focusing on methods to identify and reduce the amount of fraud, waste, and abuse in the home health care system, after receiving testimony from George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Manager, General Accounting Office; Mary L. Ellis, Wellmark, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa; Bobby P. Jindal, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Baton Rouge; and an incarcerated witness.